

**METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CREATION AND  
RETRIEVAL OF GLOBAL ANNOTATIONS**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Methods, systems, and articles of manufacture for managing global annotations made for data elements that may be instantiated (e.g., displayed) by a variety of different type applications are provided. By anchoring the global annotations to the data element, rather than the particular data source containing the data element at the time the data element was annotated, the annotation may be retrieved from any application that instantiates or displays it.